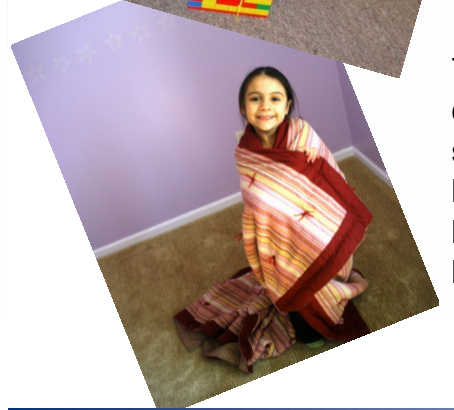


What a Habitat Homes Means To A Family...



As a little boy and girl said their prayers with their Grandma each night they prayed for their Daddy to get better. They prayed for their Mommy and themselves and they prayed for each one of their pets. Then they prayed for a new house and as Grandma listened to the things that they wanted God to help them with, I prayed that God would wrap his loving arms around these beautiful children and answer their prayer.

But a house, how could God answer that prayer? They didn't hardly make enough money to buy food and pay bills and we couldn't afford to buy one for them.

Then my daughter told me they had been chosen to receive a house from Habitat. I didn't understand what that meant, what it involved, or who it involved. There were so many questions and so many surprises. As I listened and learned a lent a helping hand, I met people from all over coming to build a house for a little boy and girl that had prayed to their God in heaven for a new home. I then knew that God has sent his Angels here on earth to build this house for my daughters family.

- Written by a Grandmother of a family that received a Habitat home in West Central MN



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RIDGEWATER COLLEGE CARPENTRY PROGRAM PARTNERS WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, AGAIN

Ridgewater College and Habitat for Humanity of West Central Minnesota have worked together for several years. 2010 was our first contracted house with HFHWCM where the carpentry and electrical students did the majority of the work at 841 Northwood Court, Willmar.

For 2011, Ridgewater and HFHWCM are teaming up to build at 837 Northwood Court, Willmar. The flexibility in the Habitat house design has allowed the Ridgewater Carpentry program to meet all of its curriculum needs. We are currently installing shingles on a 1176 square foot, seven-bedroom house for the family of Hassen Jirow and Ibado Anshur.

Both this year's house and last year's house are utilizing MN Green Communities criteria and Energy Star rating and are very energy efficient houses. **Last year's build exceeded the expectation of the HERS energy rating for a typical Habitat home!** Currently RC, U of M, and HH are working on a design for a net zero house for the 2012 school year. Along with many volunteers, this partnership really ties the community together. It allows people in need to purchase a well-built, affordable house and at the same time gives the students an opportunity to learn new techniques and learn the value of "volunteering."

Written by Jake Pulsifer

It all starts with Groundbreaking!



Raise that Roof!



...than Framing!



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WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

"I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me"
-Matthew 25: 35-36

What, may I ask you, are you afraid of? Are you afraid of failure? Rejection? Satisfaction? Each and everyone one of us was blessed with a special talent or gift and one that we are quite successful at. We are blessed with the special talent or gift because God wants us to share it. **So I ask you, STOP being afraid to use that talent or gift!**

As you make your holiday plans and shopping lists this year, consider setting aside that fear and using your talents and gifts to help hard-working, determined families in West Central Minnesota build hope, build homes, and build lives! What will **YOU** do?

-Charline Bengtson, Sustainability Coordinator

LADY IN PINK, ABWK WOMEN'S BUILD

In May of 2011, HFHWCM launched the A Brush With Kindness program so that we may serve more families, but in a different and unique way. The ABWK program allows us to partner with current homeowners that are in need of home repairs outside their financial budget.



We are currently planning a unique project that combines the ABWK program with the Women's Build initiative, which seeks to bring together women from all walks of life to address the housing crisis faced by millions of families worldwide.

We are seeking a representative from each of the five counties our affiliate provides services within to serve on the ABWK Women's Build Committee. **Could that woman be YOU?**

Charline 320-231-2704 or charline@habitatwcm.org to find out more.

Committee Spotlight

Faith Relations: Why I am a member

Fr. Brian Mandel



On a rainy day over a year ago, I had the opportunity to break ground at a Habitat for Humanity home site. We blessed the soil from which a home would be raised with the hard work of a community and a family who wanted to have a place to call home. Thus began a growing relationship with Habitat for Humanity.

When I came back some time later, I saw progress on the build. Finally the big day came when a family blessed their new home that over a year ago had been a mud hole. I felt the call to spread the good news about Habitat for Humanity and the great ways in which we help build homes, not only with bricks, wood, and building materials, but with our hands, a family and our blessing. Our Faith Relations Committee is one way that we share the blessing of helping provide shelter in collaboration with our partner churches of the area. I hope we can plant seeds that will bear much fruit and blessings.



Thanks to our partnership with Runnings Farm and Fleet in Willmar, we were able to become the of this beautiful play house for future use by Habitat for Humanity! Thank you Runnings for a great parade season!

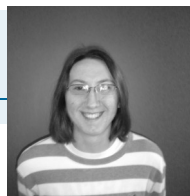
Restore News

Be on the look out!

Ashley is building our inventory for our ReStore Grand Opening. **She is looking for....**

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| Antiques | Lighting | Lawn/Garden |
| Bricks | Paint (unopened) | Decking Materials |
| Fencing | Lumber (6' min) | Millwork/Trim |
| Countertops | Appliance | Hardware |
| Doors | Cabinets | Windows |
| Flooring | Furniture | Bath Fixtures |
| Cash Register | Pricing Gun | Fireproof safe |
| Old sheets/blankets for storing donated materials. | | |

Hi, my name is Ashley Alsum, and I am the new VISTA working at the Willmar Habitat office. I grew up on a farm 15 miles south of Willmar and graduated from MACCRAY high school. This May, I graduated from Minnesota State University Moorhead with a Bachelor of Arts degree. During my year of service, it is my goal to get the ReStore up and running again. Thank you to everyone who donated and shopped at our Garage Sale event! Currently we are renovating the ReStore area in our building and could use volunteers to help in a variety of different ways. Everything from putting up walls to rolling on paint needs to be done. The more volunteers who help, the faster this goal can be reached. Call and volunteer your time, knowledge, and skills today!



*You are cordially invited
"Home for the Holidays"*

318 SW 3rd Avenue
New London, MN 56273
November 27, 2011 at 1:30pm

A home dedication ceremony is just around the corner! Join us for the opportunity to meet the Habitat for Humanity staff and volunteers that make homeownership dreams, such as Luke's, a reality!

Family will be home for the holiday weekend. Come together to chat over refreshments and bear witness to a real "Home for the Holidays" event!



Habitat Volunteer, Name, looks on as future Habitat homeowner Luke Thole and his family participate in the Tree Planting Ceremony held on NEED DATE

HABITAT HARVEST BREAKFAST GREAT SUCCESS!

Enjoyment and camaraderie were all around at the Habitat Harvest Breakfast on October 29th. The event was a successful gathering for both guest and Habitat for Humanity West Central Minnesota.

Emceed by JP Cola the Program was active and uplifting. Roger Madison, CEO of Bremer Bank and keynote speaker spoke of the benefits a person can receive from volunteering and giving to a local non-profit organization such as HFHWCM. Lyle Mangel, Board Chair, spoke on how Habitat's mission of providing simple, decent, affordable homes for those in need is as vital and important in today's economic conditions as ever. Joline Hovland, Executive Director, spoke of Habitat's new A Brush with Kindness program that has volunteers repair and paint exteriors with homeowners that have financial limitations for home repairs.

Habitat for Humanity West Central Minnesota is a great organization to support with both volunteering and financial resources. I ask you to consider helping with the 2nd annual Habitat Harvest Breakfast by volunteering on the Planning Committee or by being a table host. I hope to see you next year; I know I will be there.

-Margaret D. Fleck, HFHWCM Board Member

APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED!

The Habitat office is now taking applications for partner families for a 3 bedroom home in New London. Please contact Nancy at 320-231-2704 for questions and applications.

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